



Corbitt Connection

February 16, 2010



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day was a tremendous success. It was a fun and exciting time for everyone involved as the children were able to read each other's names as they delivered their Valentine cards. Thank you for taking the time to write/help your child write his/her Valentine cards, as well as, all the goodies. ☺

Writer's Workshop Update

This week the students will help me create our Report Writing Rubric. Then depending upon your child's progress within the genre he/she may be ready to begin the editing, revising and polishing phases of writing.

Scholastic Book Order

I am sending home two Scholastic book orders today. I know that in these tougher economic times I do not want anyone to feel any pressure to order anything-but I also didn't want to pass up the opportunity either. If you wish to order online our username is: **mrsCorbitt1st** and password is: **bookorders**. Anyone who is interested the orders will be due on Wednesday, March 10th. You may send in cash or checks made out to **Scholastic Book Clubs**.

Reader's Workshop Update

The comprehension strategy of Compare and Contrast can be difficult for students to understand and apply. That is why this week as we continue to read nonfiction books we will be looking at ways that we can compare and contrast the animals and their traits.

MATH INVESTIGATION UPDATE

THIS WEEK WE RETURN TO SOME GAMES THAT WILL SUPPORT ADDING NUMBERS WITH SUMS UNDER TWENTY QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOUR CHILD BEGIN TO MEMORIZE THESE ADDITION FACTS. IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS WE WILL BEGIN PRACTICING THE ADDITION FACTS STARTING WITH THE "PLUS 1S" AND WORKING OUR WAY UP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOU CAN GET A HEAD START AND BEGIN WORKING ON THESE FACTS WITH YOUR CHILD. ☺

"What Can I Do at Home?"

This week I have both a reading and a math suggestion for you. I want to let you know about some free resources available to you on the Internet.

The reading resource is available to you at www.eduplace.com/eservices. You can search for books by topic or by level. Please see the back of the newsletter for specific directions on how to access the website.

I wanted to tell you about another free website that you can use to access more math facts worksheets for extra practice. The website is www.math-drills.com. I have linked one practice page for each of the math facts that we have already practiced in class to our class website (www.mrsCorbitt.com). If you wish to print the worksheets just click on the Math "Samples" tab. If your child is looking for a challenge I would like to encourage you to print out any of the practice pages and see how quickly he/she can accurately complete the 50 problems. ☺

Skills Block

This week there will be no spelling words or spelling test but we will be exploring the long spelling patterns of ai and ay and the "bossy r." Ask your child about our "Bossy r" song. ☺

Important Dates to Remember

February 17	Early Dismissal @ 1:45 p.m. Flag Raising @ 8:30 a.m.
February 26	Progress Reports Go Home
March 10	Scholastic Book Orders are due